

## **BBIHC MEETING MINUTES**

**SATURDAY, September 13th, 2025, 9:30 am, (unapproved)**

### **Pledge of Allegiance**

**MEMBERS ROLL CALL: Present...Don Balbaugh, Steve Barnum, Scott Anton, Chris Suchner, Tom Wybranowski. Rick Navarre.....Absent Brent Canup**

**AUDIENCE: Ryan McLaren, Cliff Bloom, Melissa & Doug Freye, Larry Phillips, Jim Blamer, Matthew Cox**

**Approval of the August 9<sup>th</sup> 2025 minutes...Motion to approve Don Balbaugh, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Steve Barnum...All present voted Aye**

**REPORT BY BRENT SHARPE: No report**

**HARBOR MASTER REPORT: Tom Lower: In no particular order, the harbor dock skid pier needs additional welding. There are two loose bouys that need new chains and some re-furbishing...that will be done. One of the flags has been repaired and another damaged but will be repaired. One of the new flagpole lights is already out and needs to be fixed. It was suggested to install a dome style net or screen to keep the bugs out. The flag will be coming down on October 15<sup>th</sup>, the official day that the harbor closes for the season. New Asphalt for the harbor: We may have 3 bids coming in but 2 for sure. Will present the bids to the Township Board for a vote when we receive them. It was determined that the harbor asphalt cannot be done at the same time as the airport re-sealing next year. There was discussion of transient and seasonal rate increases. The 2026 slip rates have just come out from the DNR and it was suggested for transients to stay in column "A" and seasonal to stay in column "10" as the 2026 rates have increased. Will be asking Dianne or Megan what the yearly PIEG electric bill is for the harbor to assist in adjusting the rates. A vote to approve new rates will be tabled until the next BBIHC meeting. The suggested \$10.00 fee for a transient docking for less than 3 hours will be tabled for a vote until 2026.**

**FINANCE REPORT: Tom Wybranowski: Marina opening fund balance as of 08/01/2025 to 08/31/2025 was \$469,099.47 and ending balance \$458,669.23. Two checks written, one to Straits Electric, flag pole light, for \$1,426.73 and \$25.00 to Cincinnati insurance. The Marina savings account as of 08/31/2025 is \$383,732.08.**

**BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS: Ryan mentioned the weed situation which is getting out of control. Cox suggested to call a weed control expert or a waterways government department for any suggestions. Tom Lower is going to a Harbor Master seminar soon and will mention it. The company that will do the dredging off the causeway will need a drawing of the slip locations layout, which could cost upwards to \$1,000. Don Balbaugh said that we had a 5-year inspection at the harbor by the EUP Health Dept. Only thing cited was a plug that will have to be moved, about a 15-minute job. Steve Barnum suggested that the BBIHC have a 5-year plan in place, critical to have when asking for or applying for grant Monies. Rick Navarre said that he will be looking into required items for Hazmat/spill response at the harbor. Magan Plaunt was appointed as the Deputy Harbor Master.**

**BBIHC members are to check their calendars for possible meeting dates in December, January, and possibly February and get back to Chris. Check which of your Saturdays Would work meet in Mt Pleasant.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT: none**

**MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 10:37 am: Motion by Don Balbaugh, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Rick Navarre....all present Aye**

**Respectfully submitted**

**Tom Wybranowski**